



Town of Middletown Planning Department

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PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 28, 2015

Town Council Chambers, 350 East Main Rd., Middletown, RI

Board members present:

Charlene Rose-Cirillo, Chair
John Ciummo
Paul Croce
Betty Jane Owen, Secretary
Matthew Sullivan

Ron Wolanski, Planning Director

Members absent:

Jan Eckhart
Art Weber

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Cirillo at 4:00pm.

1. Review of the Town's 2015 CDBG application to determine consistency with the general policies set forth in the Middletown Comprehensive Community Plan.

Mr. Wolanski stated that the purpose of the Planning Board's review of the town's Community Development Block Grant application is to determine whether the projects approved by the Town Council for inclusion in the application are consistent with the town's comprehensive plan. He stated that his review of the project list, attached to his memo to the Board dated September 22, 2015, identified no conflicts. He noted that Sam Shuford of Church Community Housing Corporation, who assists with preparation of the town's applicant, was present to answer any questions.

Mr. Sullivan asked if the list of projects provided to the Planning Board is a prioritized list.

Mr. Wolanski stated that the same list was presented to the Town Council as a proposed prioritized list of projects. The Town Council approved the project list without making any changes.

Ms. Owen asked about the regional nature of some of the projects. Mr. Wolanski stated that this year the state has requested that regional projects identify one lead community to administer the grant funding for services that cross municipal boundaries. Middletown would be lead on some projects, while other communities in the region would take the lead on others.

Mr. Croce asked Mr. Shuford about the purpose for the funding requested by Church Community Housing under item 15, Housing Operating. Mr. Shuford stated that the funding would go toward staffing to administer the rehabilitation loan fund.

Mr. Croce asked about item 16, Housing Development, which includes no funding request. Mr. Shuford stated that the state has set aside funding specifically for housing development which can be requested at the point that a project is being proposed, rather than including a specific request in the CDBG application.

There being no addition questions, Ms. Cirillo called for a motion.

Motion by Mr. Croce, seconded by Ms. Owen, to find that the projects proposed for inclusion in the town's 2015 CDBG application are not in conflict with the general policies set forth in the Middletown Comprehensive Community Plan. **Vote:** 5-0-0.

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Owen, seconded by Mr. Sullivan. Vote: 5-0-0.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Ronald Wolanski
Planning Director